

The Legislative Process

54th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Speaker Rusty Bowers

President Karen Fann



GOALS



-
- Understand the basic legislative process
 - Understand the role of the judicial branch in the legislative process

WHAT IS THE LEGISLATURE?

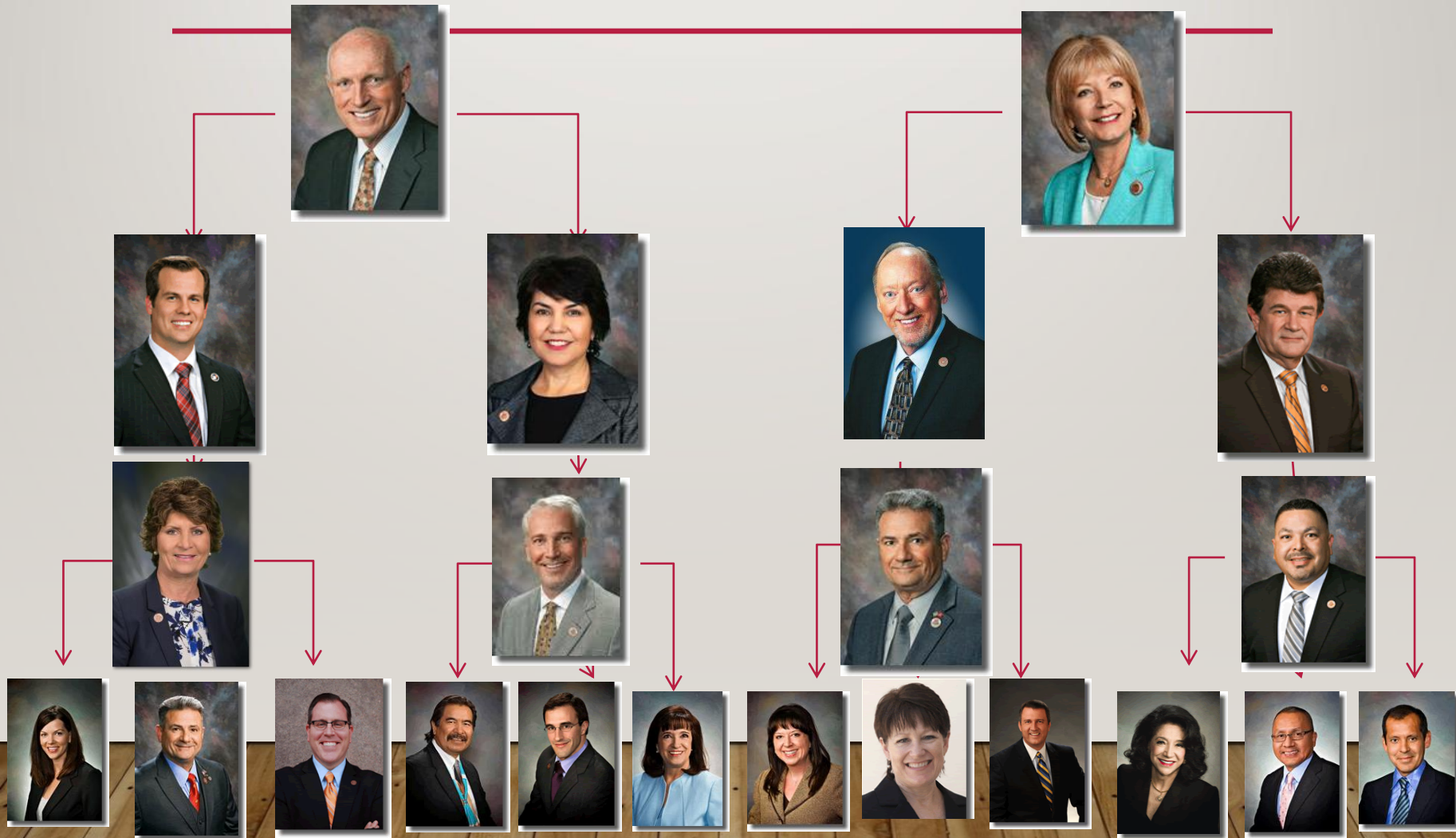
- State level lawmaking
- State budget
- Consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate

WHO ARE YOUR LEGISLATORS?

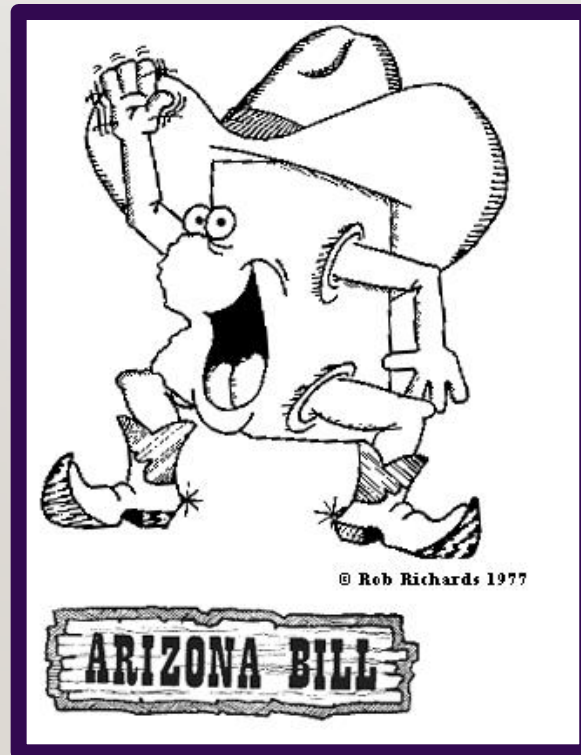
- “Citizen Legislature”
 - “Qualified elector”
 - At least 25 years old
 - State/County residency
- Elected every two years
- Range in occupation/education/life experience



LEGISLATIVE DYNAMICS



ARIZONA BILL



THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

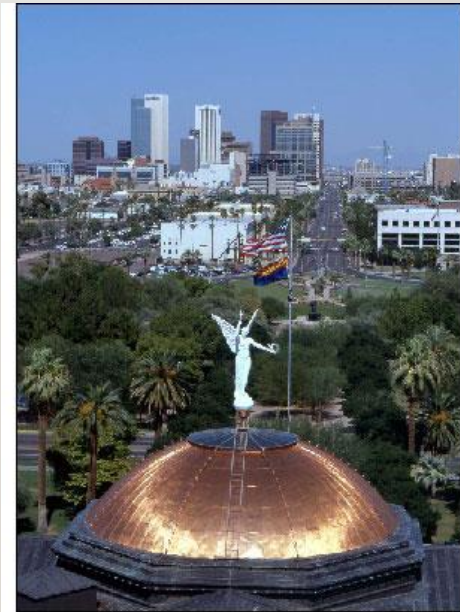
What? Lawmaking

When? Every year

Where? State Capitol

Who? Legislators

Why? Budget and laws



WHAT? BILL? WHERE?

Drafting

- Idea?
- Stakeholder Input
- Confidential

Introduction

- Filed
- Numbered
- Public

Committee Hearings



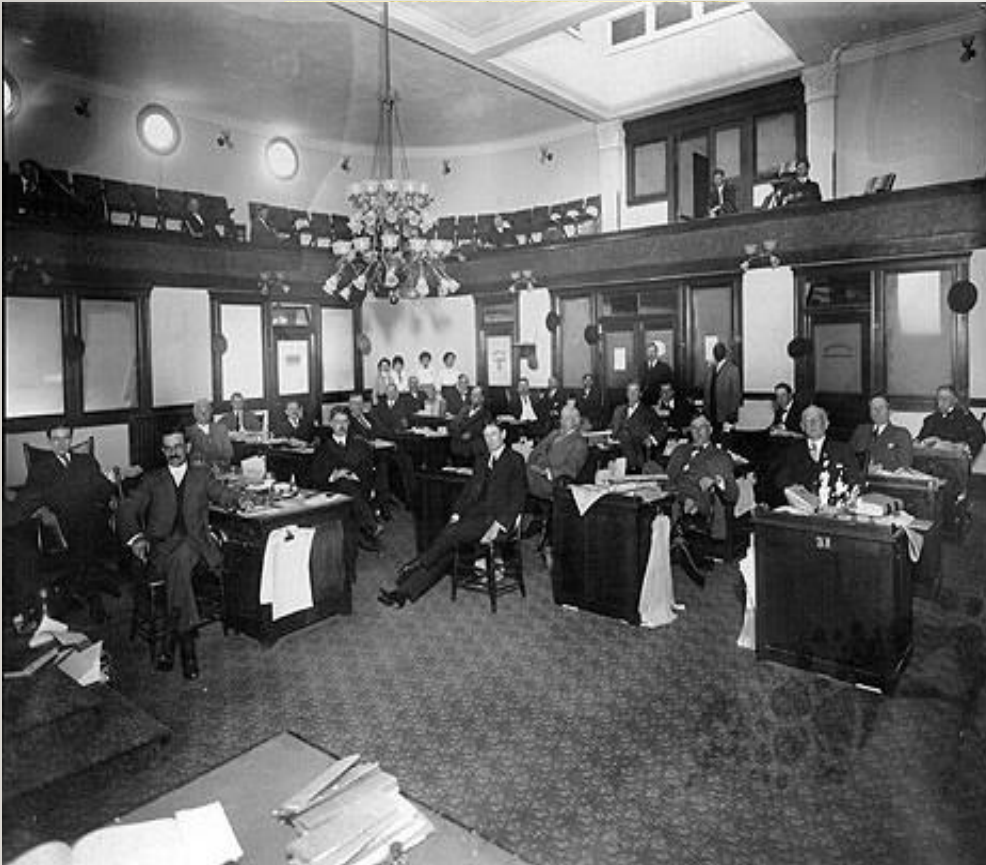
- Assigned by subject
- Committee Hearings
 - Public Testimony
 - Formal Vote

Caucus



- Divided by Party
- No debate
- No Public Testimony
- No Vote

Committee Of the Whole



- Open debate
- Adoption of Amendments
- Voice vote

Third Reading of Bills



- Vote of entire chamber
- Need 31 or 16 votes total

Déjà Vu



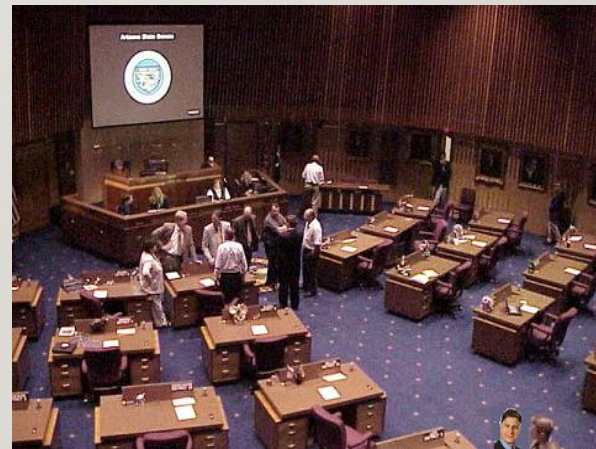
Committee Hearings



Caucus



Committee of the Whole



Third Reading of Bills

There's No Place Like Home



Transmit to the Governor



SINE DIE

- Goals of the session have been met
- Two chambers meet separately and make the motion to adjourn “sine die”
- Legislature is officially out of session until next year...maybe

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS GROUP



WHAT DOES THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS GROUP DO?

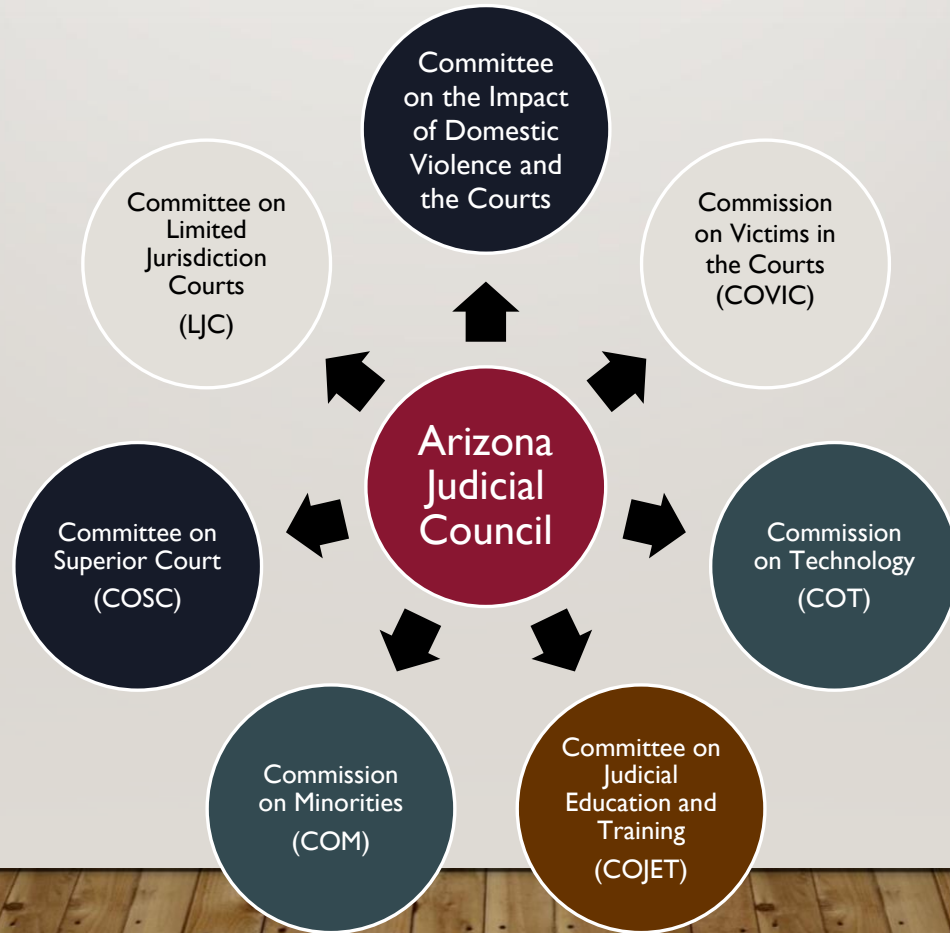
- Staff proposals through the Arizona Judicial Council subcommittee process
 - Lobby as directed by the AJC
 - Maintain values set by AJC at Capitol
- Interface between the Legislature and Judiciary
 - Work with stakeholders to find solutions

ARIZONA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

- Assists the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice in development /implementation of policies and procedures for:
 - the administration of all courts
 - uniformity in court operations, and
 - coordination of court services that will improve the administration of justice in the state of Arizona
- Chaired by the Chief Justice (Scott Bales)



WHAT IS THE AJC PROCESS?



WHAT IS LOBBYING?

- Attempting to influence the passage or defeat of legislation by directly communicating with any legislator
- Private lobbyists
 - Contract
 - In-House
- Public Liaisons
 - Agency
 - Political subdivisions

WHAT IS THE AJC PROCESS?

- Identify issues that may require legislation
- Review pending legislation
- Provide direction to AOC Gov Group
- Implementation

TYPES OF ISSUES

Policy

- Should a new crime be created?
What should the penalty be?
- What should the criteria be for awarding child support?

Administration of Justice

- Do we have time to create forms and complete programming changes?
- Cost?
- Are the criteria workable for judges and court staff?

YOUR LEGISLATURE, YOUR GOVERNMENT



NOW THAT YOU KNOW...

How can you stay informed?

- Follow bills you are interested in online:
www.azleg.gov
- Check out the AOC legislative update:
<https://www.azcourts.gov/legislativeupdate>

QUESTIONS?

